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SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT VISITS SPAIN

1. COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT DANIEL ODUBER QUIROS DEPARTED MADRID FOR PARIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, TERMINATING HIS THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO SPAIN. KING JUAN CARLOS, PRIME MINISTER ARIAS AND FONMIN AREILZA, AMONG OTHER OFFICIALS, WERE AT THE AIRPORT FOR THE DEPARTURE.

2. ODUBER HAD BEEN INVITED BY THE KING AND WAS RECEIVED ON ARRIVAL BY THE KING'S COUSIN, THE DUKE OF CADIZ, DURING THE KING'S ABSENCE FROM MADRID ON HIS TOUR OF ANDALUCIA. DURING HIS STAY ODUBER HAD PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH THE KING AND WITH FONMIN AREILZA. FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH AREILZA, TWO AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED PROVIDING FOR SPANISH FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CHANNEL IN COSTA RICA. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TUESDAY, APRIL 6, ODUBER ANNOUNCED AS WELL THAT THE QUESTION OF SPAIN AIDING IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRANS-COSTA RICAN RAILWAY WAS BEING STUDIED. HE HAD ALSO INVITED THE KING TO VISIT COSTA RICA.

3. FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED THAT COSTA RICA WOULD OFFICIALLY TAKE

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CHARGE OF SPANISH AFFAIRS IN MEXICO UNTIL SPAIN AND

MEXICO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IT IS UNDERSTOOD  
THAT COSTA RICA, WITH ITS DEMOCRATIC CREDENTIALS,  
IS TO PLAY A ROLE IN THE UNOFFICIAL PROCESS OF EVENTUAL  
"NORMALIZATION" BETWEEN SPAIN AND MEXICO. WE JUDGE  
ODUBER'S VISIT TO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL FROM THE POINT OF  
VIEW OF THE INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES.  
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